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Dear Community Member,

Thank you for your interest and involvement in planning for 7th Ave NE Street End as a new Seattle Park! We have held two planning meetings and expect to complete construction of the park in 2005. Keep posted on what is happening at: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/7thAveNE.htm>

Background This new park will provide visual access to the water's edge. The improvements will be constructed in 2005. This project will help build a stronger community and healthy families, one of Mayor Greg Nickels' highest priorities for Seattle. The goal of the project is to provide additional open space in the University District by improving the pedestrian environment and visual access to the water adjacent to the site. The University Neighborhood Plan encourages more open space and the Parks Complan 2000 update requests that the City, "create a small park at 7th Ave NE street end at Lake Union, perhaps with environmental restoration, hand-held boat launch, and a small seating area." The site is located on the southwest edge of the University District, between I-5 and the University bridge, at the intersection of Lake Union Waterway 14 and NE Northlake Way, and across the street from the terminus of 7th Ave NE.

Design The in-house design by Parks landscape architectural staff features a concrete deck that overlooks Lake Union, benches and picnic tables, and attractive low-maintenance plantings. The sidewalk in front of this tiny park will be reclaimed from parked cars.

Public Involvement Process Two community meetings were held in November 2004 and January 2005 to provide an opportunity for community input. Parks staff also met with the University District Ave Group and discussed the project with the Friends of Street Ends. Approximately 25 community members participated in planning meetings for 7th Ave NE Street End park and Parks staff received another 25 contacts by email, mail and phone during the planning process. At the first community meeting, a deck, plantings, and streetscape improvements were discussed. At the second community meeting a plan for a Lake Union viewpoint developed by Parks Landscape staff was presented for community comments.

Naming the Park Please submit possible names for this new park by the end of February 2005 to the Park Naming Committee (c/o Paula Hoff 100 Dexter Ave N. Seattle 98109 paula.hoff@seattle.gov).

Interagency Cooperation The property where 7th Avenue NE Street End is located is owned jointly by Seattle Department of Transportation and Washington State Department of Natural Resources. The property will remain under the jurisdiction of these agencies but Parks staff will maintain the site in the future.

What's happening next? Construction starts this fall and will be completed by the end of 2005.

Contact information Cathy Tuttle worked with the community to develop the plan for 7th Avenue NE Street End, Randy Robinson is the Parks Landscape Architect who developed the plan, Lynn Sullivan is the Parks Project Manager who will manage the construction of the new park, and Royal Alley-Barnes is responsible for the staff that will maintain the park after it is built.

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